

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-17

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM - REVISED INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING MAY AND JUNE COUPONS

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-244 AND ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-2

Because of their concern that the worsening economic situation may result in a greater issuance of food stamps than was previously anticipated, FNS has changed the instructions for the second order of new coupons as previously outlined in All-County Letter No. 75-2. The change in the ordering deadline was made to enable shipment dates to be moved up. Moreover, to increase flexibility, counties with adequate storage facilities may order up to a six-month supply of coupons.

The deadline for May and June coupon orders to reach FNS, Western Region, has now been moved up to January 27, with delivery to be between late February and early April. Counties and/or their agents should use the second set of the revised FNS-260 requisition form, provided as an attachment to All-County Letter No. 74-244. Counties and/or their agents are to remove parts 5 and 6 of the six-part form and submit the remaining four copies to Food and Nutrition Service, Western Region Office, 550, Kearny Street, Room 400, San Francisco, California 94108. For fiscal control purposes, counties with contracted issuance agents must require the requisitioning agent to provide them with part 5. The agent will retain part 6. If you do not have a revised FNS-260 set, contact FNS directly (Henry Reil, (415) 556-4977).

These instructions override the relevant instructions of All-County Letter No. 75-2 that deal with the ordering of May and June coupons. The new multicolored FNS-260 form and accompanying, revised instructions for routing will not be used until requisitioners submit their third orders for the new, five-denomination books. According to FNS, counties should receive an initial supply of the new, multicolored FNS-260 form in February for use in ordering coupons for months subsequent to June.

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Superseded by ACL # 77-15

Please ensure that each of your designated shipping points is fully informed of these latest changes in requisitioning coupon supplies.

We regret the inconvenience imposed by these changes and deadlines, and we are continuing to work with FNS to avoid problems resulting from unreasonable due dates, changes in directions with insufficient lead time, and unclear or vague instructions.

Please direct any questions to Dick Fox of the Food Stamp Program Operations Bureau at (916) 445-6907.

Sincerely,

for *W. Montgomery*
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